Expenditure on Permanent Establishment.

107 *MR. K. A. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the expenditure on permanent establishment since the Irrigation Division has been formed; and

(*b*) the amounts so far spent by the department on permanent works?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN (*Chief Engineer*):

(*a*) Rs. 55,624-3-15 in 1119 M. E.
Rs. 49,160-8-2 in 1120 M. E. (to end of 9/1120)

(*b*) Rs. 83,682-23-12 in 1119 M. E.
Rs. 64.533-17-6 in 1120 M. E. (to end of 9/1120.)

MR. K. A. MOHAMED: Is it not too much to spend a sum of over Rs. 55,000 for meeting out expenses covering only 8,000 rupees,

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: That is unavoidable and it is an item coming for the past so many years.

MR. K. A. MAHOMED: In the light of these figures, may I know will the Department be continued?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: The council demanded for the existence of that Department.

Murinjapuzha and Poothotta Ferries in Vaikom Taluk.

108 * MR. V. MADHAVAN (*Vaikom* cum *Kotsayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the distance from Murinjapuzha and Poothotta ferries in Vaikom taluk to Thrippunithura and Ernakulam;

(*b*) whether there is frequent vehicular traffic from Vaikom and Kottayam to Thrippunithura, Ernakulam and Alwaye crossing these ferries; and

(*c*) whether much inconvenience is caused to the traffic owing to the absence of bridges at places across these streams?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) 9¼, 15¼, 7 5/8 and 13 5/8 miles respectively.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): In answer to part (c) may I know whether any remedy has been proposed by Government?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: The question is under investigation.

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